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***Naperville Sunrise Rotary Announces 2006 - 07 Arts Grant Recipients***

The Rotary Club of Naperville-Sunrise has announced the recipients of the 2006-7 grants provided from the Naperville Sunrise Rotary Fund for the Arts. The Fund was established in 2000 to serve the Naperville community by creating opportunities to cultivate, nurture, strengthen and build awareness of the visual and performing arts, art appreciation and art education by raising funds to be awarded and granted in a fiscally responsible manner.

The Naperville Sunrise Rotary Fund for the Arts is pleased to announce the awarding of fourteen grants:

- ◆ Century Walk, Naperville's Historic Public Arts Program as High School Curriculum
- ◆ DuPage Symphony Orchestra, Young Artist Auditions and Showcase Concert
- ◆ Ecumenical Adult Day Care, Life-enriching programs for the frail elderly attending the Adult Day Services Center
- ◆ Girl Scouts - Prairie Winds, Arts Workshops & Field Trips
- ◆ Indian Prairie Educational Foundation, Fine Arts Festival
- ◆ Naperville Community Television, From the Ground Up: The Joseph Naper Archaeological Dig Story
- ◆ Naperville Municipal Band, Commissioning of an Original Piece of Music to Celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the NMB
- ◆ (NNHS) Fiddlers Ensemble, Start up Bluegrass ensemble
- ◆ Naperville Park District, Concert Dance Ensemble 10th Anniversary Outreach
- ◆ Naperville Public Library, "Stories of Who We Are"
- ◆ People's Resource Center, Kid's Art
- ◆ Western DuPage Special Recreation Association, Visiting Artists and Art Studio Programs at the Drop-In Center
- ◆ Waubonsie Valley High School Band Department, National Music Festival
- ◆ Young Naperville Singers, Community Outreach - Boys Choral Development

A total of \$29,978 was given away by the fund this year. In addition, the Fund will award four \$5,000 grants to exceptional graduating seniors in the arts, one each to Naperville Central, Naperville North, Neuqua Valley and Waubonsie Valley High Schools. Those recipients, who are selected by the respective schools, will be announced in the spring.

"We are delighted to have had so many applications for really exciting projects in the arts. Deciding was very difficult. We feel these initiatives deliver as much art experience in a variety of disciplines possible directly to the audiences, artists and students we serve." said Foundation Co-Chair Deborah Newman. "This year, we were fortunate to be able to reach a variety of audiences, including children and adults to whom the arts might not be easily accessible. This truly fits our mission."

"We are grateful the fundraising committee and sponsors of the Beaux Arts Ball who have been so dedicated to our cause over the last seven years," added Co-Chair Mary Lou Wehrli. "We look forward to watching these dedicated organizations bring their projects to the community."

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